



# EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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### SITUATION REPORT

April 24, 2002 Southeast Missouri Severe Storms Event and  
*April 28, 2002 Bollinger County Tornado*

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April 30, 2002

Around 4:00 p.m., 24 April 2002, a line of thunderstorms with high winds, damaging hail and tornadoes stretched from just south of St. Louis through most of South East Missouri. There were numerous reports of tornadoes that developed from this front as it passed through the area. Governor Bob Holden declared a State of Emergency for Southeast Missouri Counties following these severe spring storms.

At approximately 1:15 a.m., 28 April 2002, a tornado struck southern Bollinger County south of Marble Hill Missouri. 12-15 homes received severe damages. 5-6 mobile homes also were hit. One twelve-year-old boy was fatally injured by this storm. Four people were life flighted from the damage area to Cape Girardeau Hospitals.

Governor Holden issued a State Declaration of Emergency for Madison, Butler and Carter Counties on 25 April 2002.

Governor Holden issued a State Declaration of Emergency for Bollinger County on 29 April 2002.

### County Reports:

**Bollinger County:** Eight AmeriCorp volunteers remain on site assisting in roof protection and debris removal on Highway PP. SEMA Southeast Missouri Area Coordinator escorted Senator Jeanne Carnahan and a staff member in a tour of the damage sites in Bollinger and Butler Counties.

Damage Summary for Bollinger County remains at:

- 15 homes were destroyed
- 5 homes suffered major damage
- 2 homes had minor damage

**Butler County:** An AmeriCorp team is at the Butler County EOC setting up a multi county communications center for relief efforts.

Damage Summary for Butler County remains at:

50 homes were destroyed  
16 homes suffered major damage  
30 homes had minor damage

**Carter County:** No significant changes reported

Damage Summary for Carter County remains at:

13 homes were destroyed  
12 homes suffered major damage  
27 homes had minor damage

**Madison County:** No significant changes reported.

Damage Summary for Madison County remains at:

6 homes were destroyed  
12 homes suffered major damage  
22 homes had minor damage

**Howell County:** Additional information on damages since yesterday's report (all damage occurred Saturday Night, 27 April, 2002

- No loss of life or injuries reported.
- Nease Church rotated 45 degrees off foundation – Cemetery Headstones toppled.
- Troop G's 365' tower landed on a home in the Hickory Hills Subdivision at Willow Springs.
- Four homes with shingles loss – two homes lost roofs.
- One home suffered minor damage where tornado first set down west of Willow Springs.

**Phelps County:** No Significant changes reported.

Damage Summary for Phelps County remains at:

0 homes were destroyed  
8 homes suffered major damage  
8 homes had minor damage

**SEMA actions:**

SEMA processed letter requesting Federal Declaration for Bollinger, Butler, Carter and Madison Counties. This request includes assistance from SBA as well as FEMA for Individuals as well as public entities.

**State Agency actions:**

Missouri State Highway Patrolmen from Troops E and G and the Water Patrol continue assisting local authorities in providing security at damage sites throughout Southeast Missouri.

Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) facilities, equipment and personnel continue to assist local Highway Departments in road clearance and debris removal.

**Volunteer Organization actions:**

Volunteer agencies continue to assist citizens in Southeast Missouri.

AmeriCorp teams are working Bollinger, Butler and Madison Counties.

7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventists, Church World Service, United Methodist, and other agencies are continuing to assist citizens in the Butler County area.

**Federal actions:**

Joint Damage Assesements have been completed in Bollinger, Butler, Carter, Madison, and Phelps Counties. SEMA has requested additional inspections for Howell County.

Small Business Administration personnel completed their survey of businesses and homeowners in the area. They also worked with the State of Missouri/FEMA in the joint preliminary damage assessment in the affected areas, which included Bollinger County.

**Forecast:**

National Weather Service reports that Tuesday, April 30, 2002, that showers and thunderstorms will be moving into southern sections of Missouri and Illinois today. Rain showers will continue through Wednesday with a high in the high 60's. According to Fred Glass, St. Louis National Weather Service, this weather pattern of "every three days or so for the next 10 days, another storm is going to be approaching and bringing in the potential for thunderstorms.